

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 131808  
ORIGIN NODS-00

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /001 R

DRAFTED BY EUR/SE:REW-NG:MP  
APPROVED BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY  
EUR - MR. VEST  
C - MR. HOPPER  
S/S - LFLEISCHER

-----100725 241400Z /46

Z O 241330Z MAY 78 ZFF6  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO USMISSION USNATO FLASH  
INFO AMEMBASSY ANKARA IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY ATHENS  
AMEMBASSY NICOSIA  
WHITE HOUSE IMMEDIATE 0260

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 131808

EXDIS DISTRIBUTE AS NODIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, PEPR, CY, TU

SUBJECT: TALKING POINTS FOR AMBASSADOR SPIERS TO USE WITH  
TURKISH PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT, BRUSSELS, MAY 24, 1978

PASS AMBASSADOR SPIERS

1. FOLLOWING APPROVED TALKING POINTS ARE ALMOST IDENTICAL TO  
ATTACHMENT TO ACTION MEMORANDUM PROVIDED TO SPIERS MAY 23.  
CONCEPT OF A MEETING BETWEEN ECEVIT, DENKTASH AND  
KYPRIANOU MAY ALSO BE INFORMALLY EXPLORED IF OPPORTUNITY  
ARISES. FYI: ONLY CHANGE IS SECOND TICK ON LEGISLATIVE  
TACTICS.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 131808

BEGIN TEXT.

-- SECRETARY VANCE ASKED ME TO COME MEET WITH YOU TO GIVE  
YOU HIS ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT SITUATION IN WASHINGTON.

-- THE SECRETARY FEELS, AND MY LIMITED CONVERSATIONS IN  
WASHINGTON OVER THE LAST FEW DAYS HAVE CONFIRMED, THAT

THE FIGHT FOR CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF REPEAL OF THE  
TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO CAN BE WON. THE PRESIDENT AND HIS  
ENTIRE ADMINISTRATION ARE DETERMINED TO PURSUE THE MATTER  
TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION AND TO USE ALL ITS RESOURCES  
IN THE SERVICE OF THIS OBJECTIVE. WE ANTICIPATE THAT  
FLOOR ACTION WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE SECOND  
HALF OF JUNE.

-- THERE ARE A NUMBER OF HOUSE MEMBERS AND SENATORS OF  
BOTH PARTIES WHO APPRECIATE THE IMPORTANCE OF TURKEY AND  
ARE WORKING TO LIFT THE EMBARGO.

-- HOWEVER, I MUST BE FRANK IN SAYING THAT WHAT YOU SAY  
OVER THE NEXT TEN DAYS IN BRUSSELS, WASHINGTON, AND  
NEW YORK COULD WELL MAKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SUCCESS  
AND FAILURE. YOU WILL, OF COURSE, HAVE TO DECIDE YOURSELF  
ON WHAT PUBLIC LINE TO TAKE, BUT THE SECRETARY HOPES VERY  
MUCH THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO STRESS THE FOLLOWING THEMES:

A. YOUR BELIEF IN A STRONG NATO IN WHICH TURKEY AND  
ALL OF THE MEMBERS ARE PLAYING A FULL AND ACTIVE ROLE.  
(SOME CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORTERS OF EMBARGO REPEAL HAVE  
GOTTEN THE IMPRESSION THAT TURKEY MAY, TO A LIMITED  
EXTENT, BE WRITING OFF NATO. SUCH DENIGRATION OF THE  
ALLIANCE COULD HAVE A MOST UNFORTUNATE EFFECT SINCE IT  
WOULD UNDERMINE A KEY ADMINISTRATION ARGUMENT THAT OUR  
PROGRAM WILL HELP RESTORE THE NATO SOUTHERN FLANK.)  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 131808

B. WE HOPE YOU WILL ALSO STRESS YOUR INTEREST IN AN  
IMPROVED AND REVITALIZED BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE  
UNITED STATES. SIMILARLY, WE WOULD RECOMMEND STRESSING  
YOUR DESIRE TO ACHIEVE BOTH A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT AND  
RESOLUTION OF TURK-GREEK ISSUES AND WHY YOU FEEL LIFTING  
THE EMBARGO WOULD BE HELPFUL IN THESE OBJECTIVES.

C. WE HAVE BEEN FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH WHAT YOU AND  
DENKTASH HAVE BEEN SAYING ABOUT TURKISH FLEXIBILITY ON  
CYPRUS. ON MAY 23 THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE SPOKESMAN  
MADE SOME POSITIVE COMMENTS ALONG THESE LINES. IT WOULD  
BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL IF WHILE IN THE U.S. YOU COULD  
EMPHASIZE THE FLEXIBILITY IN THE DENKTASH STATEMENT AND  
INDICATE TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE YOUR DESIRE TO SEE REAL  
MOVEMENT ON VAROSHA, A REOPENING OF NICOSIA AIRPORT,  
PERHAPS ADDITIONAL TROOP WITHDRAWALS, OR EQUIVALENT SUB-  
STANTIVE, DRAMATIC GESTURES YOU FEEL ARE FEASIBLE.  
-- YOU ARE WIDELY RECOGNIZED AS THE MOST ELOQUENT SPOKES-  
MAN TURKEY HAS. YOUR EXPOSITION OF TURKISH HOPES AND  
DREAMS SHOULD RECEIVE A RESPONSIVE HEARING IN YOUR  
SEVERAL PUBLIC APPEARANCES IN THE UNITED STATES. OUR

COMING TO YOU WITH THESE SUGGESTIONS IS INTENDED TO HELP  
ACHIEVE OUR COMMON OBJECTIVES.

-- I KNOW FROM MY CONTACTS IN WASHINGTON THAT PRESIDENT  
CARTER IS VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU FOR  
A THOROUGH DISCUSSION OF THESE MATTERS. END TEXT CHRISTOPHER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 131808 TOSEC 060008  
ORIGIN NODS-00

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /001 R

66011

DRAFTED BY S/S:PTARNOF

APPROVED BY S/S:TARNOFF

-----103387 241805Z /64

O 241750Z MAY 78 ZFF4

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO USDEL SECRETARY IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 131808 TOSEC 060008

EXDIS DISTRIBUTE AS NODIS FOR MATT NIMETZ

FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 131808 ACTION USNATO INFO ANKARA ATHENS  
NICOSIS WHITE HOUSE MAY 24.

QUOTE O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 131808

EXDIS DISTRIBUTE AS NODIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, PEPR, CY, TU

SUBJECT: TALKING POINTS FOR AMBASSADOR SPIERS TO USE WITH  
TURKISH PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT, BRUSSELS, MAY 24, 1978

PASS AMBASSADOR SPIERS

1. FOLLOWING APPROVED TALKING POINTS ARE ALMOST IDENTICAL TO  
ATTACHMENT TO ACTION MEMORANDUM PROVIDED TO SPIERS MAY 23.  
CONCEPT OF A MEETING BETWEEN ECEVIT, DENKTASH AND  
KYPRIANOU MAY ALSO BE INFORMALLY EXPLORED IF OPPORTUNITY

ARISES. FYI: ONLY CHANGE IS SECOND TICK ON LEGISLATIVE  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 131808 TOSEC 060008

TACTICS.  
BEGIN TEXT.

-- SECRETARY VANCE ASKED ME TO COME MEET WITH YOU TO GIVE  
YOU HIS ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT SITUATION IN WASHINGTON.

-- THE SECRETARY FEELS, AND MY LIMITED CONVERSATIONS IN  
WASHINGTON OVER THE LAST FEW DAYS HAVE CONFIRMED, THAT  
THE FIGHT FOR CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF REPEAL OF THE  
TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO CAN BE WON. THE PRESIDENT AND HIS  
ENTIRE ADMINISTRATION ARE DETERMINED TO PURSUE THE MATTER  
TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION AND TO USE ALL ITS RESOURCES  
IN THE SERVICE OF THIS OBJECTIVE. WE ANTICIPATE THAT  
FLOOR ACTION WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE SECOND  
HALF OF JUNE.

-- THERE ARE A NUMBER OF HOUSE MEMBERS AND SENATORS OF  
BOTH PARTIES WHO APPRECIATE THE IMPORTANCE OF TURKEY AND  
ARE WORKING TO LIFT THE EMBARGO.

-- HOWEVER, I MUST BE FRANK IN SAYING THAT WHAT YOU SAY  
OVER THE NEXT TEN DAYS IN BRUSSELS, WASHINGTON, AND  
NEW YORK COULD WELL MAKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SUCCESS  
AND FAILURE. YOU WILL, OF COURSE, HAVE TO DECIDE YOURSELF  
ON WHAT PUBLIC LINE TO TAKE, BUT THE SECRETARY HOPES VERY  
MUCH THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO STRESS THE FOLLOWING THEMES:

A. YOUR BELIEF IN A STRONG NATO IN WHICH TURKEY AND  
ALL OF THE MEMBERS ARE PLAYING A FULL AND ACTIVE ROLE.  
(SOME CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORTERS OF EMBARGO REPEAL HAVE  
GOTTEN THE IMPRESSION THAT TURKEY MAY, TO A LIMITED  
EXTENT, BE WRITING OFF NATO. SUCH DENIGRATION OF THE  
ALLIANCE COULD HAVE A MOST UNFORTUNATE EFFECT SINCE IT  
WOULD UNDERMINE A KEY ADMINISTRATION ARGUMENT THAT OUR  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 131808 TOSEC 060008

PROGRAM WILL HELP RESTORE THE NATO SOUTHERN FLANK.)

B. WE HOPE YOU WILL ALSO STRESS YOUR INTEREST IN AN  
IMPROVED AND REVITALIZED BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE  
UNITED STATES. SIMILARLY, WE WOULD RECOMMEND STRESSING  
YOUR DESIRE TO ACHIEVE BOTH A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT AND  
RESOLUTION OF TURK-GREEK ISSUES AND WHY YOU FEEL LIFTING  
THE EMBARGO WOULD BE HELPFUL IN THESE OBJECTIVES.

C. WE HAVE BEEN FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH WHAT YOU AND DENKTASH HAVE BEEN SAYING ABOUT TURKISH FLEXIBILITY ON CYPRUS. ON MAY 23 THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE SPOKESMAN MADE SOME POSITIVE COMMENTS ALONG THESE LINES. IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL IF WHILE IN THE U.S. YOU COULD EMPHASIZE THE FLEXIBILITY IN THE DENKTASH STATEMENT AND INDICATE TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE YOUR DESIRE TO SEE REAL MOVEMENT ON VAROSHA, A REOPENING OF NICOSIA AIRPORT, PERHAPS ADDITIONAL TROOP WITHDRAWALS, OR EQUIVALENT SUBSTANTIVE, DRAMATIC GESTURES YOU FEEL ARE FEASIBLE.

-- YOU ARE WIDELY RECOGNIZED AS THE MOST ELOQUENT SPOKESMAN TURKEY HAS. YOUR EXPOSITION OF TURKISH HOPES AND DREAMS SHOULD RECEIVE A RESPONSIVE HEARING IN YOUR SEVERAL PUBLIC APPEARANCES IN THE UNITED STATES. OUR COMING TO YOU WITH THESE SUGGESTIONS IS INTENDED TO HELP ACHIEVE OUR COMMON OBJECTIVES.

-- I KNOW FROM MY CONTACTS IN WASHINGTON THAT PRESIDENT CARTER IS VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU FOR A THOROUGH DISCUSSION OF THESE MATTERS. END TEXT XT.

CHRISTOPHER UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** BRIEFING MATERIALS, US CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS, ARMS EMBARGO, REGIONAL DEFENSE ORGANIZATIONS, CAT-B  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 24 may 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978STATE131808  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** NG:MP  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** P840128-2346  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780523/aaaaathr.tel  
**Line Count:** 246  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 3b174597-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ORIGIN NODS  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** NODIS, EXDIS  
**Page Count:** 5  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** NODIS, EXDIS  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 18 may 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 2585205  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** TALKING POINTS FOR AMBASSADOR SPIERS  
**TAGS:** ESTC, PGOV, PEPR, ETTT, PORG, CY, TU, US, NATO, (SPIERS, RONALD I), (ECEVIT, BULENT)  
**To:** USNATO ANKARA MULTIPLE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/3b174597-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014